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## Viewing cable 06SANJOSE344, DONATION TO IRAQI AND AFGHAN SECURITY FORCES:

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### Understanding cables

Every cable message consists of three parts:

- The top box shows each cables unique reference number, when and by whom it originally was sent, and what its initial classification was.
- The middle box contains the header information that is associated with the cable. It includes information about the receiver(s) as well as a general subject.
- The bottom box presents the body of the cable. The opening can contain a more specific subject, references to other cables ([browse by origin](#) to find them) or additional comment. This is followed by the main contents of the cable: a summary, a collection of specific topics and a comment section.

To understand the justification used for the classification of each cable, please use this [WikiSource](#) article as reference.

### Discussing cables

If you find meaningful or important information in a cable, please link directly to its unique reference number. Linking to a specific paragraph in the body of a cable is also possible by copying the appropriate link (to be found at the paragraph symbol). Please mark messages for social networking services like Twitter with the hash tags **#cablegate** and a hash containing the reference ID e.g. **#06SANJOSE344**.

Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
<a href="#">06SANJOSE344</a>	<a href="#">2006-02-14 21:01</a>	<a href="#">2011-08-30 01:44</a>	<a href="#">CONFIDENTIAL</a>	<a href="#">Embassy San Jose</a>

Appears in these articles:

<http://www.nacion.com/2011-03-12/Investigacion/NotasDestacadas/Investigacion2711772.aspx>  
<http://www.nacion.com/2011-03-10/Investigacion/NotasDestacadas/Investigacion2707705.aspx>  
<http://www.nacion.com/2011-03-10/Investigacion/NotasSecundarias/Investigacion2707712.aspx>  
<http://www.nacion.com/2011-03-10/Investigacion/NotasSecundarias/Investigacion2707716.aspx>

This record is a partial extract of the original cable. The full text of the original cable is not available.

C O N F I D E N T I A L SAN JOSE 000344

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FOR STATE-PM, NEA, SA, EUR  
FOR OSD POLICY ISA AND ISP  
FOR JOINT STAFF J-5

E.O. 12958: DECL: 02/14/2016

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SUBJECT: DONATION TO IRAQI AND AFGHAN SECURITY FORCES:  
COSTA RICA

REF: A. STATE 22896

[1](#)B. 04 SAN JOSE 2401  
[1](#)C. 04 SAN JOSE 2435

Classified By: Ambassador Mark Langdale for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

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